

*Trip File*

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Dear Admiral Turner;

Thank you for taking time out to stop by my store to say hello. Not only was it a great pleasure but a real honor. I appologize I did not have the time I would have liked to chat a bit more. It never fails to be busy when one least wishes.

I'm not certain if I fully answered your question as to whether I'm maintaining my Russian. I would say that other priorities have interfered from time to time. I have found, however, that it is somewhat like swimming. Once you are thrown in the water a great deal of know-how returns, though it doesn't necessarily make you an Olympian.

As my proficiency in photography increases my participation in the retail wine & spirits business will decrease until I can free-lance as a photographer and move on to some graduate studies.

Regretfully, I have not had the opportunity to have Geoff and family over. I know he's been rather busy also. I hope this spring I can be more hospitable.

I was very happy that you were in good health and appeared to be wearing very well inspite of the insensible flack the press has presented. Hang in there. I personally believe you are proceeding on the correct course. Whatever self-reighteous squaking is heard from "The Company" demonstrates further the justification for some of your actions.

God Bless,

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*Cy to Lt. Turner  
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